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For: **MODULATION OF MOLECULAR INTERACTION SITES ON RNA AND
OTHER BIOMOLECULES**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 16 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figures 41a and 41b show the ESI-CID-MS of a 27-mer RNA/DNA hybrid in the presence and absence of paromomycin. --